an 2670



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Post Office as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date: Name: Apr 05, 2005
Melissa Schrader

Signature:

Meling Achindes
Clifford Chance US LLP

Docket No.: 5974-073

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Valentin Chartier et al.

Filed:

March 23, 2001

Group Art Unit:

2672

Serial No:

09/815,896

Examiner:

Thu Thao Havan

For:

CELL DESCRIPTOR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 and copies of the non-U.S. patents documents listed thereon.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the cited reference and entry into the record of this application and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104 and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Docket No.: 5974-073

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after a First Action, but prior to a Notice of Allowance or Final Rejection. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), it is certified that the none of the presently disclosed documents were known to the applicant or any party representing the applicant, or were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the date of submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no additional fee is required for consideration of these documents. However, in the event that additional fees are due for consideration of these documents, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to deposit Account No. 50-0521.

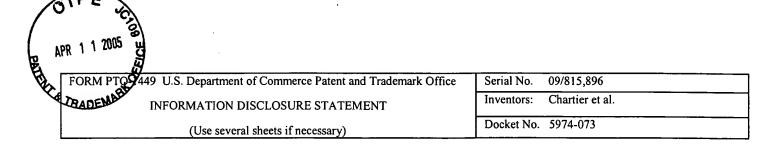
Date:

Apr 05, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

James V. Mahon Reg. No. 41,966

Customer No. 27383 Clifford Chance US LLP 31 West 52nd Street New York, NY 10019-6131 Telephone: (212) 878-8073



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION
	2 354 096	3/14/01	GB	Yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.			
	R. Jones et al., "Constraint-Based Interactive Assembly Planning," Proceedings of the 1997 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, April 20-25, 1997, vol. 2, pages 913-920.			
	F. Gao et al., "Form, Topology and Semantics: A Novel Definition of Design-with-Features," International Conference on data and Knowledge Systems for Manufacturing and Engineering, May 2, 1994, vol. 1, pages 19-24.			
	European Search Report for European Application No. 02290633 dated February 16, 2005.			

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw l in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	line through citation if not

Form PTO-1449 [6-4]